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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I understand that a settlement has finally been reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice in their three-year-long anti-trust battle.

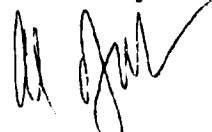
This suit flies in the face of the ideals upon which we have built this nation: free enterprise capitalism, and indeed the very American dream itself. What kind of message does this suit send to future American entrepreneurs? Apparently that it is okay to become successful, but only to a point; if you do "too well" we will take it all away.

This suit has been a large contributing factor to the recession in which we now find ourselves. Microsoft is one of America's largest employers; attacking this company at this time is economically damaging policy.

The settlement represents a number of significant concessions on Microsoft's part. They are sharing proprietary information with competitors in order to make it easier for competing products to work with and in Windows. They must permit Windows to be altered by manufacturers to promote compete products. And there are many more concessions.

This is enough; far more than enough. Let's accept the settlement.

Sincerely,



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